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## Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

### Draft Agenda<sup>1</sup>

**BLUE HIGHLIGHTING INDICATES CHANGES SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE AGENDA**

for the meeting to be held in by video-conference

on 22 March 2021

from 9.30am – 12 noon and from 2.10pm – 4.30pm CET <sup>2</sup>

#### 1. Agenda

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Adoption of the agenda

#### 2. Minutes

[AS/Jur (2021) PV 01

AS/JUR (2021) PV 02]

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held by video conference on 19 January 2021 and in hybrid format in Strasbourg on 25 and 27 January 2021

#### 3. Composition of the sub-committees:

[lists]

- i. Sub-Committee on Human Rights
- ii. Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights
- iii. Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

Approval of the composition of the Sub-Committees

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<sup>2</sup> Please note that the Sub-Committee on Human Rights will hold a short meeting from 2pm to 2.10pm to elect its Bureau.

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**This draft agenda, addressed to members of the Committee and their alternates,  
is the convocation to the meeting**

Copy to Secretaries of national delegations, of observer and partner for democracy delegations and of political groups

**4. Human rights violations in Belarus require an international investigation**

*Rapporteur: Ms Alexandra Louis, France, ALDE*  
[AS/Jur (2021) 02]

Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution and a draft recommendation

**5. The arrest and detention of Alexei Navalny in January 2021<sup>3</sup>**

*Rapporteur: Mr Jacques Maire, France, ALDE*

Statement by the Rapporteur

**6. Appointment of representatives of the Committee**

Appointment of members and substitutes to represent the Committee at meetings of the following bodies in 2021 in the framework of the Assembly's institutional representation (proposals to be submitted to the Bureau):

- i. European Commission for Democracy through Law ("Venice Commission")
- ii. Council for Democratic Elections (of the Venice Commission)
- iii. Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)
- iv. Moneyval

**Hearing**

**7. Political prisoners in the Russian Federation**

*Rapporteur: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC*  
[AS/Jur (2021) 27]

Hearing with the participation of:

Mr Mikhail Khodorkovsky, Leader of the opposition group Open Russia, and former 'prisoner of conscience' according to Amnesty International

Professor Bill Bowring, Professor of Law at Birkbeck College, University of London and Barrister

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**Hearing:**

**8. The Situation of Human Rights Defenders in Council of Europe member States**

*General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders: Ms Alexandra Louis, France, ALDE*  
[AS/Jur (2021) 03]

Hearing with the participation of:

Ms. Mary Lawlor, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Mr Nils Muiznieks, Director for Europe, Amnesty International, former Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

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<sup>3</sup> The reference of this report to the committee is expected to be confirmed by the Standing Committee at its meeting on 19 March 2021

- 9. Reported cases of Political Prisoners in Azerbaijan**  
*Rapporteur: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC*  
[\[Resolution 2322 \(2020\)\]](#)  
[CM/Del/Dec\(2021\)1398/H46-1](#)  
[CM/Del/Dec\(2021\)1398/H46-2](#)

Statement by the Rapporteur on follow-up to [Resolution 2322 \(2020\)](#)

- 10. Celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Geneva conventions: the contribution of the Council of Europe to the increasing synergy between International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law**  
*Rapporteur: Lord Balfe, United Kingdom, NR*  
[AS/Jur (2020) 35]

Statement by the Rapporteur

**11. Other business**

**12. Next meetings**

*Plenary Committee:*

- during the Assembly's 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session of 2021 (19-23 April 2021)
- 10 May 2021, t.b.c.
- during the Assembly's 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session of 2021 (21-25 June 2021)
- 14 September 2021, t.b.c.
- during the Assembly's 4<sup>th</sup> part-session of 2021 (27 September - 1 October 2021)
- 5 November 2021, t.b.c.
- 7 December 2021, t.b.c.